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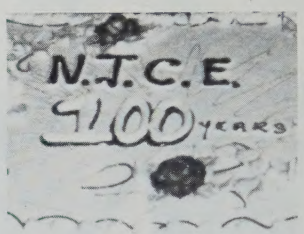

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CHRISTIAN ENDEAVOR WITNESS PROGRAM

ALBERT H. DIEBOLD AWARDS

1986

Winning youth and Christian Endeavor societies in the 1986 Christian Endeavor Witness Program sponsored by the International Society of Christian Endeavor have been announced by Rev. David G. Jackson, General Secretary.

The Albert H. Diebold Awards, in addition to a cash gift and grant to attend the 59th International Christian Endeavor Convention in Buffalo, New York, July 6-10, 1987, include an attractive plaque to all winners, plus honor certificates to all other qualified entrants. The awards are being presented at state or local Christian Endeavor events or at the winners' home churches.

Awards to individuals are given for the most significant article, editorial, talk, poster, black and white photograph, cartoon, or service project. Entries must have been developed, written or released after February 28, 1985, and submitted by February 28, 1986. Judging is based on originality, excellence of literary art or form, implementation of the purpose of the program and Christian witness to the community.

Societies sponsored and reported a significant Christian witness project commenced after February 28, 1985, and reported by February 28, 1986. Each activity was evaluated on the basis of group participation, goals established and achieved, implementation of the purpose of the program, and the Christian witness of the activity to their community.

Through the generous financial support of the Diebold Foundation, this continuing program has been made possible for the past 35 years. The 1986 Program makes the 30th year that the awards have been named in honor of the late Albert H. Diebold, a Christian layman of New York City.

Judges for this year's entries included: Mrs. Dorothy Haeussler, Christian Endeavor sponsor, Woodstock Reformed Church, Woodstock, New York; Miss Mary B. Moffitt, Christian Endeavor sponsor, Bruton Road Christian Church, Dallas, Texas; and Mrs. Vivian M. Saunders, Christian Endeavor sponsor, First Baptist Church of Georgetown, Washington, D.C.

Individual

Ricky Pearcy
First Christian Church
Harlingen, Texas

For his talk
"Trusting in the Lord . . . I Promise"
Ricky receives $125 in cash
plus a grant of $100 for the
expenses of attending the
59th International Christian
Endeavor Convention
July 6-10, 1987, in
Buffalo, New York

Society

Junior, Junior High, and Senior High
Christian Endeavor Group
First Evangelical
Congregational Church
Palmyra, Pennsylvania

For its witness in community parades
this group receives $150 in cash
plus a grant of $150 for the
expenses of one or more youth
representatives to attend
the 59th International
Christian Endeavor Convention
July 6-10, 1987, in
Buffalo, New York

INDIVIDUAL WINNERS

FIRST PLACE

Ricky Pearcy, an eleven-year-old member of the Junior Christian Endeavor Society of the First Christian Church, Harlingen, Texas, is the first-place winner in the individual category of the 1986 Christian Endeavor Witness Program.

The following talk was given by Ricky at the First Christian Church Youth Center in Harlingen on February 1, 1986, at the annual Christian Endeavor Banquet celebrating the 105th anniversary of Christian Endeavor. It also was presented on February 2, 1986, at a congregational pancake supper honoring winter visitors.

Ricky currently is president of his Christian Endeavor society.

"TRUSTING IN THE LORD . . .
I PROMISE"

"Trusting in the Lord Jesus Christ for strength, I promise Him that I will strive to do whatever He would like to have me do." The simple beginning to a simple pledge, right? Wrong. Within these words is hidden the key to Christianity. "Trusting in the Lord Jesus Christ." You may think such simplicity cannot be achieved, well, actually it hasn't been. There is more to being a Christian than just the depth of a few words. Yet, it really isn't all that complicated. All it takes is a lot of motivation, will, desire, bushels of faith and trust.

Francis E. Clark has summarized the basic principles of Christianity in a pledge for the younger set to understand. Though the pledge is for the younger ones, the meaning can be applied to all. Even though these words play a great part in the obligations of being a Christian, there are others. Take, for instance, prayer, reading the Bible, attending church services, so on and so forth. These are also spelled out in the Christian Endeavor pledge.

Another critical necessity is that of faith. Faith is a moral power that may not be outranked, or overcome, by any factors of humanity in any way. Although God may seem dull and the principles somewhat childish, God can be exciting, fun, and anything but boring. You may think it is impossible to have fun and worship God at the same time. This is just what Satan wants. He will overcome you, if you do not want it to be fun. Faith and trust are two foundations on which we build our spiritual life. But our spiritual growth can be stunted by a weakness in our spiritual relationship with God.

Really, God can be enjoyable. Just because this is a boring speech isn't an indication that God is boring. "Well," you're saying, "If you're boring, you're not supposed to be, because you have a relationship with God, who's supposed to be fun, right?" Absolutely! I mean, I'm not totally boring; even I know a few bad jokes. All in all, God is worthy of our trust, and if our trust is entrusted in God, He will bestow upon us the gift of eternal life. We can have all this just from trusting in the Lord Jesus Christ.

SECOND PLACE

The second place winner in the individual category of the 1986 Christian Endeavor Witness Program is eleven-year-old Barry Blair, a member of the Christian Endeavor society of the Northport Christian Church, Newport, Tennessee.

As his entry Barry submitted copies of letters he wrote to people and groups in the Chattanooga community, thanking them for services that they offer to the community. Among groups contacted were local television stations, the fire and police departments, the staff of a local hospital, the editor of the Chattanooga News Free Press, and the principal and staff of the school he was attending.

Included in his letter to the editor was an article on drugs which was published in the NEWS–FREE PRESS FORUM. Barry also included in each letter a Bible verse he felt best suited that individual situation.

Barry stated in his entry that "there is nothing more wonderful in the world than the feeling you get from sharing and there's no greater happiness than the warmth you feel when loving."

For winning second place Barry will receive a cash award of $100 plus a grant of $75 for his expenses to attend the 59th International Convention in Buffalo, New York, July 6-10, 1987.

SOCIETY WINNERS

THIRD PLACE

Eileen Nano, a fifteen-year-old member of the Community Church of Little Neck, Little Neck, New York, is the third-place winner in the individual category of the 1986 Christian Endeavor Witness Program.

Eileen received her third-place award for a sermon entitled, "It's Who You Know" which was delivered at her church on Christian Endeavor Sunday, February 2, 1986.

In her message Eileen stated that "The community is made up of people, ergo, one grows and learns from the people that surround him/her. Family, friends, and people in general affect the way we think, the way we talk, the way we act and react, and the way we live. They are great influences on the individual."

She stated that "It is who you know . . . that affects you mentally . . . that affects you physically . . . that affects you emotionally . . . and affects you socially . . . one tends to be like those whom he interacts with."

She concluded her message by stating that she knows ". . . Someone I met a couple of years ago, let me tell you He is the greatest. He is always there when I need Him. He is a great listener and encourages me when I'm feeling low . . . He is my advisor and greatest example. He is forgiving and acknowledges what is truly right and wrong. He is my greatest influence . . . He, like no other, affects the way I live. I love Him very dearly . . . by knowing Him you will be like Him and set an example for others."

For her winning sermon Eileen will receive a cash award of $75.00.

RUNNERS-UP

The three runners-up in the 1986 Christian Endeavor Witness Program (listed alphabetically) are: Mary Shultz, Northport Christian Church, Newport, Tennessee; Patricia Shultz, Northport Christian Church, Newport, Tennessee; and Phillip Shultz, Northport Christian Church, Newport, Tennessee.

Each runner-up will receive an award plaque.

FIRST EVANGELICAL CONGREGATIONAL CHURCH

First-place winner in the society category of the 1986 Christian Endeavor Witness Program is the Junior, Junior High and Senior High Christian Endeavor Group of the First Evangelical Congregational Church, Palmyra, Pennsylvania.

For their witness the societies constructed floats and entered them in the town's 225th Anniversary Celebration Parade on June 22, 1985, and in the Palmyra Annual Holiday Parade, November 9, 1985.

The float entered in the Anniversary Celebration Parade had a large Bible on which was written: "I will make you Fishers of Men" and Matthew 4:19. Small children with fishing poles sat at each corner. Fish nets were draped on the corner and a 75-gallon glass fish tank with live fish in the center. A large banner with the church's name was carried in front of the marching unit and individual banners for Sunday School, Worship, Prayer Meeting, Christian Endeavor, Missions, Choir, and Twin Pines Summer Camp were carried next to the float. Following the float ten members of the group passed out 500 Gospels of John printed with their church picture on the cover and 2,000 bookmarks were passed out.

For the Holiday Parade the float also had a Bible across the back with Isaiah 9:6, "For unto us a Child is born" on it. The float included a manger, donkey, Mary, Joseph, sheep, shepherds, and angels riding on it. Marchers were dressed either as angels or shepherds. Two individuals carried a banner in front with the church name on it. For this entry the group received the first-place award. The local news videotaped the parade and it was televised three times in the area.

Rev. Charles W. Barner, former General Secretary of the International Society of Christian Endeavor, serves as pastor of the church.

IGLESIA PRESBITERIANA "FILADELFIA"

The Marantha Christian Endeavor Society of the Iglesia Presbiteriana Church, Cuernavaca, Morelos, Mexico, was the second-place winner in this year's Witness Program. Their entry consisted of a play which was presented on Christmas and depicted the life of Jesus.

The play was divided into five scenes. The first and last scenes occurred in a contemporary restaurant where two people are presenting the salvation message to one of their friends. The middle scenes occur around the time of Jesus' birth and show several women talking at a well, the shepherds receiving the angel's visit, and Herod talking with the three kings. All these middle scenes follow a sequence which helps to present the importance of Jesus in our individual lives. The final scene draws to a climax with the third individual asking her two friends to pray for her. As the play concludes, she receives Jesus Christ as Savior and invites Him into her life, recognizing that only Christ can bring about the change needed in her life.

Each year this group prepares a play to be presented in the church and then it is taken to various places such as jails, asylums, correctional institutions, churches and other places where they are able to share their faith with those watching it.

The Maranatha Christian Endeavor group "thanks God for letting us transmit this word by this means and ask Him to let others do as well so that more people can give Him their lives."

Rev. Ignacio Cesar Gomes is pastor of the Iglesia Presbiteriana "Filadelfia" Church.

The Maranatha Society will receive $100 in cash plus a grant of $75 for the expenses of one or more youth representatives to attend the 1987 International Convention in Buffalo, New York.

MORE SOCIETY WINNERS

BETHEL UNITED PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

The third-place winner in the 1985 competition was the Senior Christian Endeavor Society of Bethel United Presbyterian Church, Salineville, Ohio.

The third-place award is $75 in cash plus a grant of $50 for the expenses of one or more youth representatives to attend the 59th International Convention in Buffalo in 1987.

As their entry the group held a planned famine for World Vision in which the group went twenty-four hours without food for the benefit of the hungry in our world. From 4 p.m. Friday until 4 p.m. Saturday the group stayed at the church and refrained from eating any solid food. They watched films on the hungry and held regular Bible studies which dealt with the feelings of hunger. Through this time together, the group realized what it is like to "be hungry" and became more appreciative of people throughout the world who daily suffer the pangs of hunger. The youth recruited sponsors for this Planned Famine and raised $251 which was forwarded to World Vision.

Fifteen young people participated in this event. The pastor of the Bethel United Presbyterian Church is Rev. David J. Hunter.

FIRST CHRISTIAN CHURCH

The fourth-place winner in the 1986 Christian Endeavor Witness Program is the High School Christian Endeavor Society of the First Christian Church, Harlingen, Texas.

A cash award of $50 will go to this society for its fourth-place finish.

An Easter Sunrise Service at Liberty Gardens in Harlingen was submitted as their witness entry. For this project the youth held regular planning meetings, chose and contacted participants, had fliers printed and then distributed 1,000 of them to local stores and mobile home parks, wrote letters and phoned all area churches inviting them to participate, prepared announcements for local television stations, wrote articles for the newspaper, printed programs, and wrote thank you notes to all participants. Over 400 individuals attended this presentation and 60 people from eight churches participated in the program.

Rev. Timothy J. Kribs currently is serving as pastor of First Christian Church.

RUNNERS-UP

Runners-up in the society entries, listed alphabetically by states are: Young People's Christian Endeavor Society, Mokuiakaua Congregational Church, Kailua-Kona, Hawaii; Christian Endeavor Society, Jackson Center Presbyterian Church, Jackson Center, Pennsylvania; and High School Christian Endeavor Society, Jerusalem Chapel United Brethren in Christ Church, Churchville, Virginia.

Each of the three runner-up societies will receive $25 in cash.

ARCH J. McQUILKIN MEMORIAL FUND

The International Society of Christian Endeavor in April 1986, on recommendation from the Finance Committee and action by the Executive Committee, established a Memorial Fund in honor of Arch J. McQuilkin.

Arch went to be with his Lord in 1983 after a full and active life of 83 years, 70 of those years actively involved in some aspect of Christian Endeavor. He went from a Junior Endeavorer to the International Society President and world leader.

Arch McQuilkin was known to many as "Mr. Christian Endeavor," while others referred to him affectionately as "Christian Endeavor's Good Will Ambassador." He had the unique ability to communicate effectively with youth. Today, many date their spiritual birth from the day they met Christ through the personal counsel of Arch McQuilkin.

Knowing of Arch's love for youth, leaders established the Memorial Fund to assist YOUTH DELEGATES to attend World's Christian Endeavor Conventions. Through gifts from members of the Finance and Executive Committees, Samuel Guerrero, President of the Mexican Christian Endeavor Union, will be able to attend the 20th World's Christian Endeavor Convention in Seoul, Korea, this summer.

The hope is that churches, youth groups, state and provincial unions, individuals, and others will contribute to the Memorial Fund. The Fund will be preserved and administered by the International Society, with only the income used to assist YOUTH DELEGATES. Doesn't this seem like a most fitting and never-ending memorial to the memory of Arch J. McQuilkin?

If you would like to participate in this effort, please send your gift to:

ARCH J. McQUILKIN MEMORIAL FUND
International Society of Christian Endeavor
P.O. Box 1110
Columbus, Ohio 43216

Rewarding Work

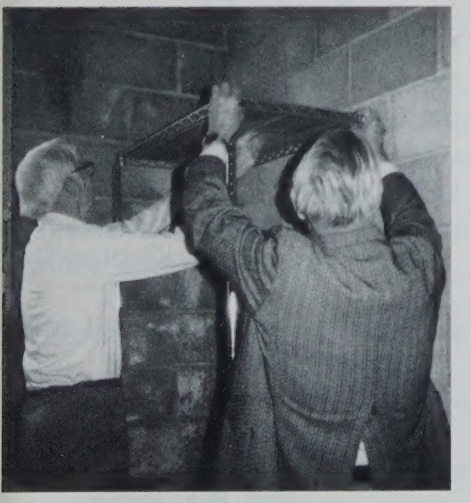
By Gordon McMordie

With dirty hands, aching feet, weakened backs, but invigorated minds and enthusiastic spirits nine earnest and energetic workers of the "Archives Committee" completed two full days of work at Christian Endeavor Headquarters in Columbus, Ohio, April 17 and 18.

Headed by Grace Davies, Archival Librarian of Gannon University, Erie, Pennsylvania, this committee tackled the herculean task of sorting through 105 years of Christian Endeavor history in volumes of books, literature, publications, etc., on shelves and in boxes, desks, cabinets, closets, etc., at 1221 East Broad Street.

The Archives Committee of the International Society of Christian Endeavor has been given the task of assembling and establishing the "Francis E. Clark Library and Archives" at the Columbus office. This will be a working library for information, reading, and research available to present and future generations of young people and youth leaders within and outside of Christian Endeavor and the Church.

Dr. Francis E. Clark, Amos R. Wells, and Dr. Daniel A. Poling, among many others, were prolific writers and outstanding youth leaders in their day and their writings and doings need to be preserved and made available to today's youth.



Those present in Columbus for these work days in addition to Mrs. Davies were: her husband Herb; Rev. and Mrs. Clair E. Beatty and Dr. and Mrs. Clyde W. Meadows of Ohio; and Jane Bartholomew and Gordon McMordie from Pennsylvania. They received a tremendous assist in their endeavors from David G. Jackson and the Headquarters staff.

In "World Wide Endeavor," a history of the early years of Christian Endeavor published in 1895, the author, Dr. Francis E. Clark, states his devoted belief that, "In no religious movement has the guiding finger of God been more evident than in the history of Christian Endeavor." It is this history that the committee is endeavoring not only to preserve but to make known and readily available with the earnest prayer that it will stimulate the work "For Christ and the Church."

The library and archives when completed (a continuing process) will contain all available publications of the International Society and the World's Union including books, magazines, pamphlets, promotional and leadership articles; plus photographs, newspaper clippings, scrapbooks, convention programs and reports, memorabilia of all sorts and other ephemeral materials, as well as official records, minutes, correspondence, and financial reports of the organizations.

Readers who may have materials of such nature are invited to send them to the Columbus office. This may include materials which are of the local church, county, state, province, etc., as well as those related to the International Society or the World's Union. State and provincial unions are being urged to develop their own archives to preserve their historical items.

Those who may not have material to contribute but desire to have a part in the library and archives may do so by sending a special contribution designated for this purpose to the International Society of Christian Endeavor, P.O. Box 1110, Columbus, Ohio, U.S.A. 43216.

Special Gift

The Archives Committee is very happy to announce that a very generous gift has been received which will cover the expense of placing the remaining copies of THE CHRISTIAN ENDEAVOR WORLD on microfilm. This had been done through 1911, but further work was not completed due to lack of funds. Now copies up to the current issues have been sent to the Ohio Historical Society to be microfilmed so the collection will be up to date, thanks to this very generous gift.

Committee to Meet

The next meeting of the Archives Committee is set for Thursday, September 25, 1986, at 2:00 p.m. at Columbus Headquarters.

Funds are needed for shelving and for supplies such as files and boxes of the special nature needed to preserve historical items.

"Dirty Books"

Gordon McMordie's comment after spending two days working with the archives, "I didn't know Christian Endeavor had so many *dirty books.*" The dirty books he was referring to are the many, many books for and about Christian Endeavor which were covered with dust. The committee is cataloging them at Headquarters for reference use.

Christian Endeavor Advances in West Africa

New National Unions Formed in Liberia and Ghana

Early in 1986 James Murdoch, President of the World's Christian Endeavor Union, made an extensive tour of West Africa in which he visited Sierra Leone, Liberia, and Ghana. Nigeria was also on the itinerary, but difficulty in obtaining a visa prevented the program being implemented except in Calabar.

President Murdoch reports, "The disappointment this caused was compensated by the formation of two national unions in Liberia and Ghana, and in the large numbers who attended the National Christian Endeavor Convention in Sierra Leone."

Dr. Augustus Seongbae of Monrovia, Liberia, has been in touch with World Headquarters in Columbus, Ohio, U.S.A., for nearly six years, but the personal visit of President Murdoch enabled an "on the spot" assessment to be made.

The President was delighted to find that an Executive was already formed and was working very satisfactorily to establish the principles and practice of Christian Endeavor as observed throughout the world. During his short visit he addressed several meetings; had meaningful discussions with the leaders; and climaxed his stay by installing the Executive Officers and welcoming the union into the worldwide fellowship of Christian Endeavor. On the way to the airport to leave for Ghana, President Murdoch with Dr. Seongbae appeared on a national television program in which full publicity was given to the purpose and aims of Christian Endeavor.

In Ghana the three leaders who have been actively seeking to establish Christian Endeavor there joined forces to welcome President Murdoch to their country. One week later after a packed schedule of meetings in many different churches, spread over Accra, Kamasi, and two other towns, the national Christian Endeavor union was set and the first officers installed. In Kumasi, the second largest city located 170 miles north of Accra, a most enthusiastic meeting in the African Methodist Episcopal Zion Church revealed that Christian Endeavor has been meeting there for many years. Now through the national union they are able to share in wider contacts.

Both of these new national unions ask for the prayers of Endeavorers everywhere. They both need practical support in the supply of materials in English, plus badges, CE monograms, and similiar materials. Offers made through World Headquarters in Columbus, Ohio, U.S.A., will gladly be passed on to the new union leaders. It is hoped that both these new unions will be represented at the World's Convention in Seoul, Korea, this year.

Sierra Leone Contacts

President Murdoch arrived in Sierra Leone in time to take part in a National Rally, which was attended by over 300 young people—twice as many as when he was there in 1980.

He reports that in Sierra Leone they ran out of petrol (there is a severe shortage) and tried to get some sleep in a truck with many others, at a police checkpoint. Next morning a hospital van took him safely to Freetown.

He also reports that Christian Endeavor in Sierra Leone is now administered entirely by nationals within the United Brethren in Christ churches. "There is no doubting the enthusiasm of the young people," he states.

Nigeria

When President Murdoch arrived in Nigeria at Calabar, via Doula (Cameroon) Bishop A.A. Akpan and other Christian Endeavor leaders were there to meet him. Also present were representatives of the Presbyterian Church of Nigeria.

Here President Murdoch experienced a set-back, as his visa had not come through and he was told he would have to return to Doula. Since the next plane there was not due out for three days, he was permitted to stay in Calabar, but could not go to Abak for meetings arranged by the Nigerian Christian Endeavor Union. He was able to attend a Sunday service in the Light of Salvation Mission and preached; since his trip he learned that this church now has a Christian Endeavor society.

Other African Contacts

In connection with President Murdoch's visit with his wife Betty to his daughter and her family in Zimbabwe over Christmas and into January he was able to attend EXPLO '85, a worldwide conference held simultaneously in 95 centers which were linked by satellite for two hours each day December 27-31. Several central and south African countries sent delegates to the center in Harare so he was able to promote Christian Endeavor among these leaders.

It was also possible for President Murdoch to stop over for two days in Lusaka, Zambia, and visit with Baptist Church contacts.

Ghana Reporting

Rev. George K. Larbie, national secretary of the new Ghana Union, reports that the following leaders have been selected to serve on the interim national Executive Board to run the affairs of the societies and union in Ghana until a national convention is held in 1987.

President: Rev. Jacob Lamptey
Vice-President: Rev. Godfrey C. Awadey
Secretary: Rev. George K. Larbie
Treasurer: Rev. Simmons Snorford Bopps
Members: Rev. Melkisedic A. Danso
Rev. Billy James
Bro. Paul Opoku

The official address for the union is Box 12643, Accra-North, Ghana.

Mr. Larbie was in New York City in June and was able to visit Christian Endeavor Headquarters in Columbus, Ohio, June 10-11. Here he met with General Secretary David G. Jackson and was provided with many materials to help the new union carry out its work and set up its office.

Jacob Lamptey, President, says they are going on with follow-up work and "trying in our own smallest way with the little resources available to get Christian Endeavor going in Ghana."

"The Christian Endeavor Society in my church is a blessing," states Mr. Lamptey. "They have taken up a home cells program. Also they are planning an outreach program for our community. Christian Endeavor meetings every Tuesday in my church are glorious. We are doing it with the little that we know."

"For the first time I have seen Christian Endeavor as a dynamic training base for the church. There everybody can do something. My people are becoming more and more involved in the church work these days."

Mr. Lamptey says that promotional items are needed to advertise Christian Endeavor, such as picture brochures, folders, etc. "The Christian Endeavor Society at the Living Waters Christian Center is going to launch out passively on outside the sanctuary evangelism, and we are going out in our blue and white uniforms which are yet to be sewn," he reports. "We need some Christian Endeavor ties for the men and scarves for the women. Other societies too will be blessed by this. This will indeed advertise Christian Endeavor to our people."

Goals for this year and next year are:

1. Inauguration of societies and installation of officers.
2. Introduction of Christian Endeavor to churches.
3. Advertisement of the program on radio, television, and also in the newspapers.
4. Agricultural project to generate finances for the program in Ghana.
5. Voluntary work to publicize Christian Endeavor to all the nation and to help the National Mobilization Program.
6. Outreach programs such as Operation Team Work, which will involve societies from different places.

President Lamptey states confidently, "Christian Endeavor will be a blessing to Christianity in Ghana."

Comments from Liberia

Dr. Augustus Theo Seongbae, Sr., is the president of the newly-organized Liberian Christian Endeavor Union. In a very detailed report of President Murdoch's visit to Liberia he makes the following comments.

At Roberts International Airport President Murdoch was met by a delegation from the Liberia Union; a thanksgiving service was held at the airport including selections by the Kru Choir.

After a visit to the Monrovia Bible Institute, where President Murdoch addressed the student body, there was a Welcome Service which was climaxed by a Statement of Appreciation and Appeal in which leaders in Liberia requested that the World's Union assist in education and evangelism.

The next day was a busy and hectic one. In a meeting with Senator T. Lawson Draper in the Capitol Building, President Murdoch learned that Liberia is a Christian country and that the government would give full cooperation to the new union. After meeting with officers in the afternoon, the installation service was held in the evening at the Temple of Faith Tabernacle Congregational Church. Officers of the union are:

President: Dr. Augustus Theo Seongbae, Sr.
Vice-President: Dr. Moses Doe Meah
Secretary: Sam S.K. Juah
Treasurer: D. Sherman Korwhyee
Devotional Chairman: Bishop John T. Frazier
Missionary Chairman: Charles C. Nyenneon

While in Liberia President Murdoch and the union officers toured Radio Station ELWA (Eternal Love West Africa), sponsored by the Sudan Interior Mission (SIM).

President Seongbae says, "We extend our sincere thanks and appreciation to the world body for making it possible for the World's President to come to Liberia and for making the Liberian Christian Endeavor Union an integral part of the World's Union."

NEW JERSEY CELEBRATES CENTENNIAL

On April 27 the New Jersey Christian Endeavor Union celebrated 100 years of Christian Endeavor with a banquet held at the Jamesburg Presbyterian Church, where the New Jersey Union was formed on December 1, 1886. Many alumni and active New Jersey Endeavorers along with several members of the World's Union Board of Trustees gathered for an afternoon of fun, food, and fellowship.

Following a musical presentation by Austin Gould, from the Gouldtown A.M.E. Church, and introductions by state President John Tait, Rev. James Murdoch, President of the World's Union, delivered the banquet message. A good time was had by all who participated in this special occasion.

Bits and Pieces

DOWN MEMORY LANE

Monroe County (New York) Christian Endeavor Alumni met for a banquet and fellowship time on April 7, 1986, using the theme, "Down Memory Lane." Along with a time for sharing treasured memories with the group at Trinity Reformed Church, special recognition was given to Gene Alhart, a Life Trustee of the International Society and longtime Christian Endeavor leader in New York State.

At the conclusion of this tribute, Rev. Frank C. Darling, Sr., President of the New York State Christian Endeavor Union, presented Mr. Alhart with an ornate silver plate inscribed "To Gene Alhart, April 7, 1986, Loyalty to Christ's Church" with a CE emblem etched in the center. In presenting this tribute to Mr. Alhart, Mr. Darling noted that although the other principles of Christian Endeavor can be fulfilled in a brief period of time, loyalty takes a lifetime.

Upon receiving this award, Mr. Alhart responded, "I thank you and the New York State Christian Endeavorers for the honor and complete surprise bestowed upon me. My Memory Lane of Christian Endeavor is a happy one."

WASHINGTON STATE CONVENTION

"No Turning Back" was the theme for the 1986 Washington State Christian Endeavor Convention held at Parkway Presbyterian Church in Tacoma April 3-6. Guest speaker for the convention was Brad Henning, former youth minister of the People's Church in Tacoma, who is currently associated with the AGAPA force in the area. Other convention participants included Rev. David G. Jackson, General Secretary of the International Society, and Tracy Matthews, a leader from the Golden Rule Christian Endeavor Union, Washington, D.C. Scott Miller of Seattle was elected president for the 1986-87 year, succeeding Steve Roetcisoender.

WEST VIRGINIA

"Eternal Liberties" was the theme for the West Virginia Christian Endeavor Convention in New Cumberland June 16-21. Hosted by the New Cumberland Christian Church, delegates were housed at Tomlinson Run State Park where daytime activities were held. Donna Straight and Oreon Fields served as chairpersons for this event which included morning quiet hour, growth groups, Christian Endeavor labs, daily town hall sessions, Bible bowls, and evening after-service activities. David Jackson was the keynote speaker. Lavern Billig, immediate Past President of the International Society, served as speaker, conference leader, and town hall coordinator. Carpenter's Love, a high school musical group from Fountaintown, Indiana, under the direction of Mike and Lynn (Hudson) Smith, presented the Thursday evening program and Rev. Roger Murfin, pastor of the Warwood Christian Church, led the closing consecration service. Barbara Cover was reelected West Virginia State President.

TEXAS

The 95th annual Texas Christian Endeavor Convention was held on the campus of Mary Hardin-Baylor University in Belton June 12-15. Following the theme "Walking in the Light," sessions on "Polishing Your Lenses," "Putting Oil in Your Lamp," and "Shining Through Eternity and Space" were several of the conferences. Challenging messages were presented by Rev. Timothy J. Kribs, pastor of the First Christian Church, Harlingen, and Rev. Leslie Loftin, pastor of Bruton Road Chris-

tian Church, Dallas. Other leaders included Mrs. Alice Fuqua, Rev. George Johnson, Judy Logue, Mary Moffitt, LaNell Witcher, and Myron Reichardt. Vicki Barner was re-elected to a second term as state President. Charles Meek was convention chairman.

Work in Cameroon

Through a very generous gift from the German Christian Endeavor Union, it was possible for officers of the Cameroon Union in West Africa to purchase five bicycles to be used for transportation for its leaders and also to secure five hundred Bibles.

The president of the union is John William and Dorathy Johnson is secretary. These leaders report that they have the following age group divisions in their work:

Beginners—2-8 years of age
Intermediates—9-14 years
Young People—15-25 years
Senior Young People—26-50 years
Old Men—51 and above

The Beginners with their mothers meet Wednesday at 4:00 p.m. Intermediates meet Monday at 4:00 p.m.; Young People Friday at 4:00 p.m. and Seniors and above meet both Saturday and Sunday at 4:00 p.m. The meetings are Bible teaching and prayer.

They also report their work is in 17 churches with 500 young people registered for Christian Endeavor.

Leaders from Cameroon had travelled to Nigeria in the hopes of meeting with President Murdoch when he planned to visit there. President William says, "We had left for Nigeria for the convention and were disappointed; however, we had a good time together." He also says the next Cameroon Convention will be June 1989 while Nigeria will have its next convention November 1989.

In speaking of the gift of bicycles, President William comments, "We can now move freely to spread the Good News. The work is progressing and we praise the Lord."

Guyana Reporting

William Galloway, newly-elected president of the Guyana Christian Endeavor Union, reports that the work is active in all three counties, as follows:

1. The County of Berbice — 2 societies
   a. The Christian Catholic
   b. The Dyett Presbyterian Church

2. The County of Demerara — 8 societies
   a. 2 Presbyterian
   b. 2 Moravian
   3. 3 Congregational
   d. 1 African Methodist Episcopal Zion

3. The County of Essequibo — 1 society
   This society is known as the Bertica United and is made up of
   a. Presbyterians
   b. Congregational
   c. Christian Catholic
   d. Episcopal

The union meets every second and fourth Monday of the month and two representatives from each society attend. All the societies meet on different evenings; for instance, some meet on Sundays, Mondays, Tuesdays, Wednesdays, and Thursdays.

President Galloway states that the African Methodist Episcopal Zion society was formed about two years ago and are "a happy dedicated bunch of young people."

The subjects dealt with at the union meetings are varied. Every first meeting of the month is consecration—STANDING. Topics are Evening with the Poets, study of a Book or character from the Bible, Prayer, Bible Quiz, First Things First, Social Heaven's, Grocery Store, Shopping Spree, Paper Reading—Present Day Topic; Games, to mention only a few. "We are indeed starving for Christian literature," comments the President.

Endeavor Day or Founder's Day

This is celebrated every first Sunday in February with two exercises: (1) A Sunrise Prayer Meeting; (2) A public session where all societies meet in their own county at a church selected, with a guest speaker.

The Annual Convention

This is always on Easter Monday. In 1986 it was held at the Bethel Congregation Church, East Coast, Demerara. The program is always a three-session one. The morning is a worship session; this year the guest speaker talked on the theme, "Jesus Is the Light of the World."

The afternoon session took the form of a concert where every society contributed items. For the second successive year the Queenstown Moravian won the Union's Shield.

The third session is a competitive Rally where funds are raised for the running of the union.

Visitation

An officer of the union pays regular visits to the societies in order to see what progress they are making and also to give words of encouragement as well as to admonish them to press on in the work of the Lord and continue to be members of this wonderful heritage handed down by Francis E. Clark.

The Guyana Endeavorers also hold services regularly at the Chase's Home for Senior Citizens. Gifts are given on birthdays and Christmas lunch is served. Other homes for Senior Citizens also receive Christmas gifts.

Whenever the anniversary date comes around for any society, all societies close their doors and join in the celebration with that society at its annual occasion, especially those in the County of Demerara.

ONTARIO CHRISTIAN ENDEAVOR DAY

New Dundee United Brethren Church was the setting for the annual Ontario Christian Endeavor Day May 10. Under the theme "A Reason to Live," Endeavorers were challenged with sessions on "A Reason to Witness," "A Reason to Pray," "A Reason to Worship," "A Reason to Love," and "A Reason to Praise." Leaders included Rev. Frank C. Darling, President of the New York State Union; Rev. Robert Gates, host pastor; Rev. Rod Guptill, pastor of the Heart Lake Wesleyan Church, Brampton; Rev. James Asher, pastor of the Stevensville United Brethren Church; and Rev. David Jackson. David Field was reelected Ontario Union President. Vice-President Terry Gilmour served as Chairman for this event.

NEW YORK

May 24-26 were the dates for the New York State Christian Endeavor Convention held at the Good Tiding Bible Conference Ground in Cornwallville, New York. Using the theme, "Trusting Christ . . . I Promise" co-chairmen Mike Elwood and Tom Jameson directed the 1986 convention program. Convention highlights included a message in song by APOSTLE, a contemporary musical group; a Gospel magic program by George Redmond; and a Sunday morning communion service led by President Frank Darling. A special presentation, "Joseph, His Multi-Colored Robe and His Half Dozen Brothers" was presented by the Christian Endeavorers of the Little Neck Community Church. Frank Darling was reelected as President for the 1986-88 term.

A 1987 VACATION OPPORTUNITY!

How would you like to spend a three-week vacation in Europe that would include ten days in Scotland and a twelve-day coach tour to Germany, all for just under $500 (based on current exchange rates)? Special reduced rates are also available for young people.

This is a vacation plan offered by the Scottish Christian Endeavor Union. All you must do is arrange your own flight to Scotland (Prestwick, Edinburg, or Glasgow Airports).

In Scotland you would stay in a family-run guest house in Dunfermline (a Scottish town with a great American connection—Andrew Carnegie was born here in 1835). After a few days in the area which will provide you with an opportunity to see some of Scotland's beautiful scenery, you will join with Scottish Endeavorers on a twelve-day holiday luxury coach trip to Germany, visiting Amsterdam, Kassel, Koblenz, and other historical areas of Europe.

Tentative dates have been set for arrival in Scotland July 18 or 19, 1987, and departure August 7 or 8. For further information contact: "CONTINENTAL CLASS" TOUR, Scottish Christian Endeavor, 134 Wellington Street, Glasgow G2 2XL, Scotland.

SOCIETY ROLL CALL

Societies and unions which have become members of the International Society of Christian Endeavor through financial support of $25 or more during January through June 1986 are listed here. Each of these groups has received an enrollment certificate. Those groups which have contributed $100 or more have received a gold seal certificate.

Groups are arranged alphabetically by state and province. Others who enroll will be listed in future issues.

GOLD SEAL

Canadian Christian Endeavour Union
Adult Christian Endeavor, First Baptist Church of Georgetown, Washington, D.C.
Golden Rule Christian Endeavor Union, Washington, D.C.
Young People's Christian Endeavor, Mokuaikau Congregational Church, Kailua-Kona, Hawaii
Department of Church Services, Church of the United Brethren in Christ, Huntington, Indiana
Maryland Christian Endeavor Alumni
Massachusetts Christian Endeavor Union
First Reformed Church of Grandville, Grandville, Michigan
North Holland Reformed Church, Holland, Michigan
First Reformed Church, Kalamazoo, Michigan
Missouri Christian Endeavor Union
Christian Youth Fellowship, Pilgrim Congregational Church, Billings, Montana
New Jersey Christian Endeavor Union
Collegiate Reformed Protestant Dutch Church, New York, New York
Senior Christian Endeavor, Dutch Reformed Church, Woodstock, New York
North Carolina Christian Endeavor Union
Christian Endeavor, Avlon United Brethren in Christ Church, Bremen, Ohio
Christian Endeavor Poling Alumni Association, Cleveland, Ohio
First United Brethren in Christ Church, Columbus, Ohio
Adult Christian Endeavour, New Dundee United Brethren in Christ Church, New Dundee, Ontario
Ontario Conference, Church of United Brethren in Christ
Ontario Society of Christian Endeavour
Gladstone Christian Church, Gladstone, Oregon
Oregon Christian Endeavor Union
Chester County (Pennsylvania) Christian Endeavor Union
Christian Endeavor, Westmoor Church of Christ, Kingston, Pennsylvania
Junior Christian Endeavor, Central Schwenkfelder Church, Worchester, Pennsylvania
Maysville Christian Endeavor, Greenville, Pennsylvania
Pennsylvania Christian Endeavor Union
Texas Christian Endeavor Union
Bruton Road Christian Church, Dallas, Texas
Christian Endeavor, Mt. Olivet United Brethren Church, Mt. Solon, Virginia
Richmond-Petersburg-Prince George-Disputanta-Hopewell Area Christian Endeavor, Virginia
Westminster Presbyterian Church in America, Ronaoke, Virginia
Washington State Christian Endeavor Union
First Reformed Church, Yakima, Washington
Christian Church of New Cumberland, New Cumberland, West Virginia

HONOR GROUPS

Adult Christian Endeavor, Pinson Presbyterian Church, Pinson, Alabama
Varick Christian Endeavor, Solomon Chapel A.M.E. Zion Church, Tuskegee, Alabama
Cordova Church of the Nazarene, Citrus Heights, California
D'CIA Cordova Nazarene Church, Sacramento, California
Youth Encounter Christian Endeavor, First Baptist Church of Georgetown, Washington, D.C.
Senior Christian Endeavor, Nineteenth Street Baptist Church, Washington, D.C.
Adult Christian Endeavor, Third Baptist Church, Washington, D.C.
Alumni Council of Christian Endeavor, Chicago, Illinois
Fuller United Methodist Church, Trilla, Illinois
Senior High Christian Endeavor, Bethel Reformed Church, Holland, Michigan
Senior Christian Endeavor, Harlem Reformed Church, Holland, Michigan
First Church of Evans, Derby, New York
Marbletown Reformed Church, Stone Ridge, New York
Westchester (New York) Christian Endeavor Alumni
Varick Christian Endeavor, St. Stephen A.M.E. Zion Church, Maysville, North Carolina
Junior/Senior High Youth, Pleasant Hill Christian Church, Siler City, North Carolina
Columbus (Ohio) Area Adult Christian Endeavor Fellowship
West Second Avenue Presbyterian Church, Columbus, Ohio
St. Mark's Christian Endeavour, St. Mark's United Church of Christ, Dundas, Ontario
Lambton County (Ontario) Christian Endeavour Fellowship
Adult Christian Endeavour, Grace United Brethren Church, Sherkston, Ontario
Youth Fellowship, Blakely Primitive Methodist Church, Blakely, Pennsylvania
Christian Endeavor, St. Jacob's Stone Church, Brodbeck, Pennsylvania
Christian Endeavor, Breakneck Church of God, Connellsville, Pennsylvania
First Evangelical Congregational Church, Easton, Pennsylvania
Christian Endeavor, Reich's Evangelical Congregational Church, Elizabethtown, Pennsylvania
Community Christian Church, Erie, Pennsylvania
Senior Christian Endeavor, Guitner United Brethren Church, Greencastle, Pennsylvania
Adult Christian Endeavor, St. David's United Church of Christ, Hanover, Pennsylvania
Lehigh Valley (Pennsylvania) Christian Endeavor Fellowship
Luzerne County (Pennsylvania) Christian Endeavor Alumni
Youth Christian Endeavor, Barton Road United Brethren Church, Meadville, Pennsylvania
Mercer County (Pennsylvania) Christian Endeavor
Christian Endeavor, Grace Chapel Reformed Episcopal Church, Philadelphia, Pennsylvania
Old York Road Branch, Philadelphia (Pennsylvania) Christian Endeavor Union
The Salvation Army, Philadelphia, Pennsylvania
Zion Alumni Christian Endeavor, Olivet-Covenant Presbyterian Church, Philadelphia, Pennsylvania
Rochester Christian Endeavor Youth, First Presbyterian Church, Rochester, Pennsylvania
York County (Pennsylvania) Christian Endeavor Union
Dallas (Texas) District Christian Endeavor Union
Junior Christian Endeavor, Fairlington Presbyterian Church, Alexandria, Virginia
Calvary Christians, Calvary Memorial Church, Roanoke, Virginia
Tuscarora Community Christian Endeavor, Tuscarora Presbyterian Church, Martinsburg, West Virginia
Christian Endeavor, New Cumberland Christian Church, New Cumberland, West Virginia
Christian Endeavor, Elm Grove Christian Church, Wheeling, West Virginia
Christian Endeavor, Pulaski Presbyterian Church, Highland, Wisconsin
Intermediate Christian Endeavor, Emanuel Reformed Church, Waupun, Wisconsin

Historic Flag at Headquarters

You can see the FIRST AMERICAN FLAG flown in the Philippines after the battle of Manila Bay at Christian Endeavor Headquarters in Columbus.

While a detail of Marines was being sent with a flag to be hoisted on the battlements of Cavite, two navy men, Christian Endeavorers, found this flag in a locker of their boat. One of them hastily ran it up the mast of a dredger in the harbor, and when it was taken down it came into their possession. The boy who performed the act was killed shortly afterwards, and his comrade gave the flag to the chaplain with the request that it be given to the Christian Endeavor movement "as a token of the need of the navy men for Christian Endeavor."

Chaplain Steele presented the flag to Dr. Francis E. Clark at the International Christian Endeavor Convention in Denver, July 1903.

IN MEMORIAM

...J. Elwood "Tubby" Christman, enthusiastic Ohio Endeavorer for over 40 years, died April 19 at Galion.

...Betty (Elizabeth) McKnight, former President of the Virginia Union and Southern Region leader, died March 24 at Casa Grande, Arizona. Burial was in Richmond on Good Friday.

...John C. Tope of Pickerington, Ohio, husband of Eleanor J. Tope of the Headquarters office, died May 23. Active at Midway Christian Church, he was a Director of the Columbus Area Adult Christian Endeavor Fellowship.

...Hannah M. Holmes of Belfast, Northern Ireland, known for over 27 years as "Auntie Hannah" to Irish Juniors, died early in 1986. Hannah attended many World's Conventions. She retired as Junior Convener last year and was honored November 29, 1985, when 60 Endeavorers gathered to pay tribute to her.

...Dr. C. Ritchie Bell, Past President of the Canadian Union, was honored October 17, 1985, by the Presbyterian College of Montreal, Quebec, Canada, when the renovated chapel was dedicated as the C. Ritchie Bell Memorial Chapel. Dr. Bell occupied the Chair of Pastoral Theology at the college from 1951 to 1973.

Caledonian Contacts

To encourage Christian young people in Scotland to find "Fellowship with Christ's People" in a broader sense, the Scottish Union led by Jack Pryde, national youth organizer, has established a plan for contacts around the world by letter. If you would like a "Caledonian Contact" write to Christian Endeavor, 134 Wellington Street, Glasgow, G2 2XL, Scotland, giving name, age, and interests.

Brandt in Taiwan

Konrad Brandt, Vice-President of the World's Christian Endeavor Union, along with his wife Jutta are now working in Taiwan at the Fellowship Deaconry Mission, under the Marburg Mission.

Early in 1986 a "Mission-Oasis" in the center of Taipei was completed. The Chinese architect, who is a Christian, did an excellent job and now a place of hospitality is available with overnight accommodations for visitors in the capital city of Taiwan.

Konrad Brandt reports that there was a byproduct of missionary outreach during the time of construction: good contact with salespeople. In shopping he had to ask people for help with English and he discovered many young people eager to practice their English.

This seemed to be an open door so they invited a Christian young lady from the department store around the corner from the mission house. She helped them by telling them about the sales personnel, who work from 11:00 a.m. to 9:30 p.m. daily, including Sundays, with one day off a week. It was agreed to meet with her and others who would like to improve their English on Friday at 9:30 a.m.

"So we prepared everything and prayed for the meeting," says Konrad Brandt. "On Friday at 9:30 a.m. I went down to open the gate, because Chinese people hesitate when doors are closed. And they came, four of them in their long black dress they wear with a white apron in their household department. We served Coke, gave them materials from our children's home in Hualien and also the Christian Endeavor Centennial Folder to explain what we are doing in Taiwan and abroad. We also read a conversation which I wrote out of our shopping experience. And at the end I asked them whether I could pray with them before they go to work. No objection—so I prayed."

"Next Friday I started with our sales conversation and also read a text from the New Testament, the parable of the house on the sand and on the rocks," continued Mr. Brandt. "We get good materials in simple English and Chinese vocabulary in our Christian bookstores. At the end of our meeting a non-Christian young lady asked, 'Shall we pray again?' God gave an open door. Praise the Lord."

Mr. Brandt reports that he has been seeking for an American retired couple to run the guest house and offer English studies. Stefan and Catherine Kempf from Southampton, near Philadelphia, Pennsylvania, have agreed to serve in this capacity and are preparing to go to Taiwan.

Mr. Brandt also reports that Linda Lin who knows German and English as well as her mother language Chinese has been an invaluable help since she can read and write Chinese.

German Visitor

Sabine Wannags of West Germany would like to spend a year in America after finishing high school in June 1987. She would like to work in a church where she could get an insight into the life and work of American Christians and at the same time improve her English.

Sabine is an active member of the Christian Endeavor group at Sulingen and was in charge of the Young Women's Association in her parish until December 1985.

To finance her stay she would be willing to help in a family household, work in a children's home, or do similar work. Anyone interested in further information should write to Christian Endeavor Headquarters.

NEW YORK TO HOST 59th INTERNATIONAL CONVENTION

Great plans are underway for the 59th International Christian Endeavor Convention July 6-10, 1987, in Buffalo, New York. The Program Committee has been meeting under the capable leadership of Mrs. Kathryn A. Gould, a Vice-President of the International Society. Along with the evening mass meetings, there will be morning quiet hour times, a daily Christian Endeavor Lab, and Christian Growth and Development Seminars. The popular General Assembly session again will be a regular convention feature.

The mass convention sessions are scheduled to be held at the Kleinhans Music Hall, one of the most acoustically perfect and luxurious music halls in the country. Delegates will be housed on the campuses of Canisius and D'Youville Colleges along with several area hotels and motels. Morning sessions will be held at D'Youville College and Mt. St. Joseph's Academy which is directly across the street from Canisius.

Under the chairmanship of Elyn Stern, the Local Committee is busily preparing to host this next International Convention. There will be special activities provided for both youth and adult delegates.

Among the area tourist attractions are the world famous Niagara Falls, the Albright-Knox Art Gallery, Waterfront Village, Fort Niagara, Crystal Beach Amusement Park, Fantasy Island, and the Buffalo Naval Park. Easy access to the downtown area is provided by the Buffalo Light Rail Rapid Transit System.

Convention registration fee has been set at $25 for adults ($20 until April 1, 1987) and $25 for young people 19 and under ($10 until April 1, 1987) for delegates from outside New York State. There is also a special $10 booster registration fee for those wishing to support the convention but are unable to attend. Information on the Convention Package Plan will be available shortly.

The President's Corner

By Jack R. Rothenberger

Year after year as young people participate in the YOUTH WITNESS CONTEST, I am amazed at the quality of work being done by youth for the honor and glory of Christ. Congratulations to each of the winners!

It is gratifying to note that each year some new entries are made and some who have entered in prior years have entered again. We at International Christian Endeavor Headquarters are truly indebted to and very grateful for the Diebold contributions which make these awards possible.

We know that many individuals and societies are doing wonderful works of witnessing for our Savior and Lord Jesus Christ. We urge YOU to report these activities during the next year. Your efforts may inspire others to do equal and even greater works for our Lord.

No one needs to tell us that we live in an age of tension and confusion. A distinguished psychiatrist has referred to our age as a "neurotic age" because we have not yet learned how to live in a time of rapid, continuous change. In general, we are a nervous, taut, easily upset, easily irritated and easily exhausted people.

The boast of a union leader near the beginning of the 20th century, that the increase in leisure time activities and vacation periods would make us a happier, healthier people, has been silenced by the increase in neurotic behavior patterns observed in large segments of our population. We may live longer than our great-grandparents but it has yet to be proven that our longer lives are happier, more useful, more satisfying, more creative than the shorter ones of our forefathers.

One of our greatest needs is to learn how to live with tension and confusion and at the same time become productive, healthy and happy people. The activities and programs of our Christian Endeavor societies as shown by the entries into the YOUTH WITNESS PROGRAM provide specific avenues of approach to a more meaningful life in our neurotic age.

A number of years ago a prominent doctor advised us to regard the management of tension as one of the major health problems of our time. I would hasten to say that when I refer to health I am including the total personality—physical, spiritual, social, and psychological. His advice was simple, yet profound: 1) LOOK INSIDE YOURSELF. 2) LOOK AT YOURSELF. 3) LOOK AWAY FROM YOURSELF.

First, we must understand who we are in the light of being creatures of a Living God. Then we must try to see ourselves as others see us, and finally we must practice lifting our thoughts above the things that affect us directly and try to see the whole of life and its purpose in a larger perspective.

The value of looking away from ourselves depends upon what we look at. The ancient psalmist suggests that we look toward God—good advice! When we are with God in worship or in service to others in order to bring honor to Him, we can lose our tensions and fears and become renewed in order to face life triumphantly.

When life gets you down, as it does for all of us at times, try not to forget the ancient affirmation: "Be still, and know that I am God." When we forget to worship God, life gets out of perspective and we fail to see the whole forest because certain trees get in the way.

Strictly speaking, we are always in the presence of God for this is His world, not ours. Yet so often we allow the troubles and fears and tensions of life to pull us away from being aware of Him. Let God into your life and make Him the center of all your activity. This will not remove the tensions but it will help you to live with them and through them.

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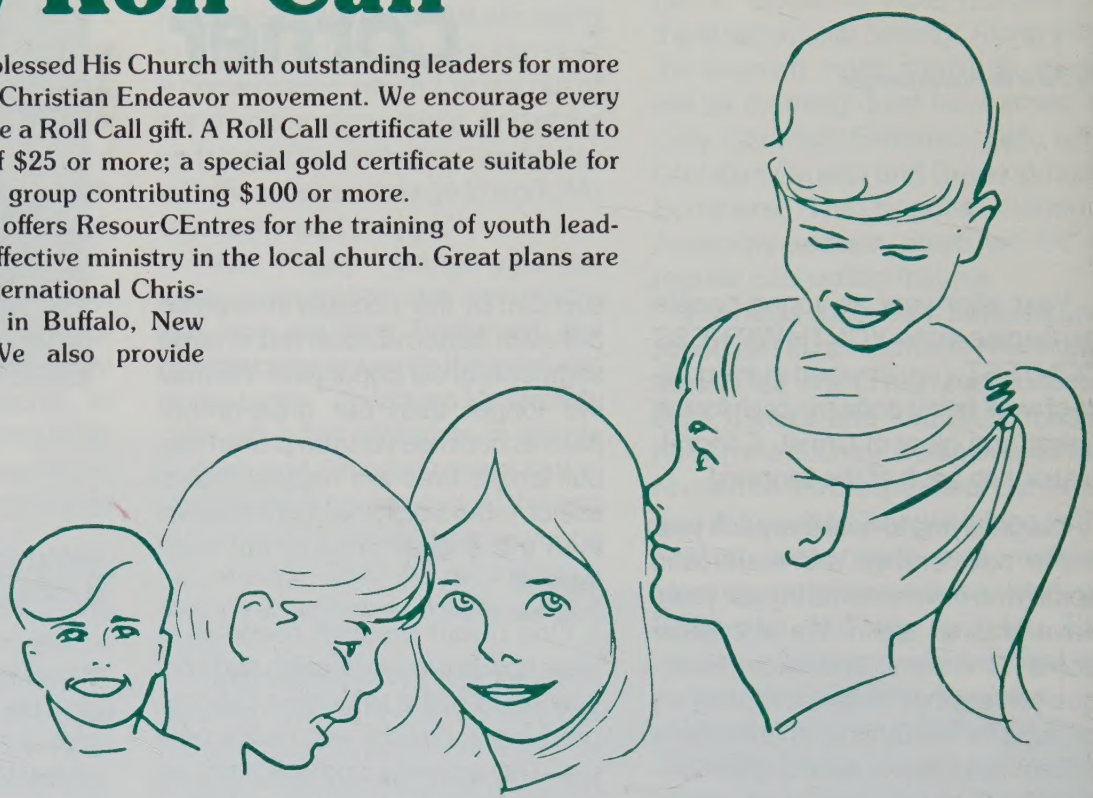
Society Roll Call

The Lord has abundantly blessed His Church with outstanding leaders for more than 100 years through the Christian Endeavor movement. We encourage every youth group or church to give a Roll Call gift. A Roll Call certificate will be sent to each group sending a gift of $25 or more; a special gold certificate suitable for framing will be sent to each group contributing $100 or more.

The International Society offers ResourCEntres for the training of youth leaders and sponsors for more effective ministry in the local church. Great plans are being made for the 59th International Christian Endeavor Convention in Buffalo, New York, July 6-10, 1987. We also provide 7,000 youth groups with three Resource Packets yearly.

The International Society of Christian Endeavor is committed to advancing the cause of Christ by assisting local churches to train young leaders in the church this year as it has since 1881.



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